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## Car sex leads to firearms arrest

**LIFETIME BAN** A Vancouver man caught by transit police having sex on the hood of his BMW has been arrested after officers found him in possession of a gun, police said.

The officers spotted Mohammed Shakil Kahn, who is known to police and is under a lifetime ban from owning firearms, early Wednesday morning with a woman near the 2600 block of Vaness Avenue.

"During the investigation of the 30-year-old male, the officers became suspicious of his hand movements and as a result, a loaded .22 calibre revolver was seized," said Sgt. Tom Seaman.

"He now faces six firearm charges."

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## Let the games begin **Round Two**

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Patrick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks and Henrik Sedin of the Vancouver Canucks are seen in this photo illustration. The teams open Round 2 of the Stanley Cup Playoffs at GM Place tonight. **Preview, pgs 5 and 14.**

# Pandemic threat up to Level 5

## B.C. flu cases double to six

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**There are three new confirmed cases of swine flu in the Lower Mainland as the World Health Organization (WHO) yesterday raised its influenza pandemic threat level to five out of six.**

One of the new B.C. cases did not travel to Mexico and is presumed to have contracted the virus locally through contact with travellers returned from Mexico, said Dr. David Patrick, director of epidemiology at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

"It's possible that it could represent a case of secondary transmission in British Columbia," said Patrick.

"We're not sure yet whether the dynamics of this virus are such that it will sustain easy secondary transmission in the community. It is possible that it will be — but the jury is still out."

The three new cases double the total number of sick in B.C. to six. In all instances, Patrick added, symptoms of the H1N1 swine flu have been mild, although one person did spend a night in hospital.

The human-to-human transmission appeared to be occurring all over the world, which prompted the WHO to raise the alert level to 5 and warn that the world is at the brink of a pandemic.

"Influenza pandemics must be taken seriously precisely because of their capacity to spread rapidly to every country in the world," WHO director general Margaret Chan told a news conference in Geneva.

**"(The world) is better prepared for an influenza pandemic than at any time in history."**
WHO director general Margaret Chan

"The biggest question is this: How severe will the pandemic be, especially now at the start," Chan said. But she added that the world "is better prepared for an influenza pandemic than at any time in history."

Yesterday also saw the first swine flu death outside of Mexico, when a toddler died of it in Texas.

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### Stockpile

- B.C. has stockpiled 700,000 treatment doses of antiviral medication.

## Apartment explosion injures 3

**INVESTIGATION** Three people were reportedly injured after an explosion at an East Vancouver apartment.

The blast, on the 2200 block of Dundas Street, blew out the exterior walls of a third-floor unit at about 5 p.m. yesterday. The building is four storeys high.

Police said hazmat crews were called in to look for evidence of a possible meth lab after firefighters found traces of butane in the suite.

The three injured people were found in the alley behind the building and taken to Vancouver General Hospital, according to CTV News.

At least 10 suites were affected and the building appears to have suffered structural damage.

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**Coast Mental Health to honour six**
Six British Columbians will be recognized by Coast Mental Health at its 11th annual Courage To Come Back Awards gala dinner in Vancouver tonight. The awards are presented to people who have overcome extraordinary challenges such as addiction, poverty and mental health problems. METRO VANCOUVER

# Local

## Games to close waterways

**Some local waterways commonly used by recreational boaters will become closed security zones during the 2010 Winter Olympics, according to the Integrated Security Unit. Crews will erect a fence underneath the Cambie Street Bridge to control boat traffic and controlled access zones will be implemented at other waterways, including the Burrard Inlet, the Fraser River and Howe Sound.**

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## News in brief

**DEPORTED** Convicted street racer Sukhvir Singh Khosa has been deported to India for his involvement in a crash that killed a Vancouver woman in November 2000. His co-accused, Bahadur Singh Bhalru, was deported four years ago.

**INVESTIGATION** A 26-year-old West Vancouver man is accused of making and distributing child pornography, news1130.com reports. The investigation included an undercover officer posing online as a pedophile.

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What's online today.

**Video** A Calgary bus driver rescues a cowering dog from circling coyotes at **metronews.ca/canada**

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# Pope expresses sorrow

## Roman Catholic head talks residential schools with Aboriginal leaders

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**Pope Benedict XVI expressed sorrow yesterday to Canada's Aboriginal peoples for "anguish" suffered under the country's residential schools program.**

In a communiqué from the Vatican press office, the Pope "offered his sympathy and prayerful solidarity" and emphasized that "acts of abuse cannot be tolerated in society."

The expression of sorrow followed a 20-minute meeting with two-dozen Aboriginal leaders, residential-school survivors and church leaders from across Canada, including Phil Fontaine, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations and Ed John, grand chief of B.C.'s First Nations Summit.

Former Vancouver Canuck Gino Odjick — an Algonquin from Maniwaki, Que. — was also part of the delegation.

MAX ROSSI/REUTERS

Phil Fontaine, leader of Canada's Assembly of the First Nations, at Saint Peter's square at the Vatican yesterday.

In an interview with CBC News, Fontaine said he was pleased with what he'd heard.

"We never thought for a moment that we would be here to be received by the Holy Father to talk about an experience that has caused so much pain and suffering for so many."

More than 100,000 people attended federal residential schools that were run by the Catholic, Anglican and United churches. The children were removed from their families and were made to suppress their language and culture. Some also suffered physical and sexual abuse.

The United and Anglican churches have previously apologized for residential schools. Prime Minister Stephen Harper also formally apologized in June.

Stewart Phillip, grand chief of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, said the Pope's statement is "incredibly historic" for Aboriginal people, especially in B.C., where a majority of the country's 130 residential schools were located.

"I look forward to the day where we commit all our energy to healing and reconciliation. In order that we may move beyond the dark shadow of the residential school experience."

## Grit convention kicks off today

**POLITICS** An estimated 1,500 Liberal party delegates from across Canada are in Vancouver today to kick off their biennial convention.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Brad Zubyk, a B.C. spokesman for the federal party. "The party is really united and motivated and it's a good feeling."

An opening plenary with remarks by interim Leader Michael Ignatieff begins at noon today, with the official convention opening at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Delegates will debate issues like social justice, fundraising and how to recruit and engage members. Delegates will ratify Ignatieff as leader of the party.

Speakers during the convention include former prime ministers Jean Chrétien and Paul Martin.

There are more than 7,000 eligible Liberal delegates across Canada, but 1,500 attendees is considered a success, Zubyk said, considering the economic situation. METRO VANCOUVER

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**Race close with two weeks till vote**

With less than two weeks until the provincial election, the B.C. Liberals and NDP are separated by just three percentage points, according to a poll conducted by Angus Reid. The survey found the Liberals are leading with 42 per cent while the NDP is close behind at 39 per cent. METRO VANCOUVER

## Protest **Against cancer below the waist**

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Mike Falco, left, Nikki Hair, right, and Stephanie Scott protest cancers below the waist outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday. On July 11, hundreds of runners will participate in the B.C. Cancer Foundation's annual fundraiser The Underwear Affair. For more information on the event visit uncoverthecure.org.

# Stolen goods for sale

## Nearly $200,000 expected to be raised at auction

MINÉ SALKIN
for Metro Vancouver

**There are hot deals on stolen items to be had this weekend at the annual Vancouver Police Recovery Auction in Coquitlam.**

Serena Matter, who is promoting the two-day event, anticipates the largest crowd in the auction's 22-year history.

"We're expecting 3,000 people this year," she said.

Auctioneer Rob Kavanaugh said that bidders can look at the Able Auction website to preview some of the items available and get a head start on the bidding competition.

"We have about 600 recovered bikes, high-end brand name ones that are selling all day Sunday," he said.

Ian Wightman, manager of the Vancouver Police Property Office, is anticipating nearly $200,000 in sales.

"We have quite a lot of good quality jewelry, most of which has been appraised by the top gemmologists in the province," he said.

When police recover an item, officers always attempt to return them to their rightful owner.

If the owner cannot be identified, the items go under the hammer.

Proceeds from the auction go to the City of Vancouver.

### More info online

- For more information visit ableauctions.ca

# Bartering company thriving during cash-strapped times

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**"We're a very good option to help them ease the pain to get through the tough spots."**
Scott Berg, owner of Trade Exchange Canada

**TRADING** In a time when cash and credit can be scarce, a Vancouver company is finding succes in the bartering business.

Trade Exchange Canada is a Vancouver-based bartering company that connects clients needing to sell off excess stock through trade dollars instead of cash or credit.

Some notable trades include frozen blueberries, wine from Kelowna and even psychic services.

Owner Scott Berg said 70 new clients have registered with his company since January, a 200 per cent increase from last year.

"We're not designed to help save a company if they're on the edge of bankruptcy, but we're a very good option to help them ease the pain to get through the tough spots," he said.

The business-to-business trade industry is valued at $17-billion worldwide. Trade Exchange helps local companies earn as much as $25,000 a year by dodging liquidation pressures from their bankers.

On the environmental side, deals are made over the Internet, making it a paper-free company.

"We've recently started working with companies like the Jim Pattison Industries, who are moving towards being green," Berg said.

## News in brief

**FERRY** A passenger who survived the sinking of the Queen of the North said he felt like a doomed rat when the vessel began to go down and still suffers flashbacks, cknw.com reports. Les Wilson yesterday spoke at a class action lawsuit stemming from the 2006 accident that left two people dead.

**SNOWBOARDER** North Shore Rescue found a snowboarder who was lost in Suicide Gully on Mount Seymour, news1130.com reports. The man was following a group of people when he got separated and wandered into the gully. Rescuers say the man was cold, but otherwise fine.

**TASER PROBE** A forensic pathologist testifying at the Braidwood Inquiry yesterday supported a coroner's finding that a Taser contributed to Robert Dziekanski's death. John Butt said the Polish immigrant likely died of a cardiac arrest after being Tasered five times by police at YVR.

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# Marathon set to hit the streets Sunday

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**RUNNING** More than 13,000 people take to the pavement for the 38th annual BMO Vancouver Marathon on Sunday.

Daryl Doyle, chairman of the board of directors for the marathon, said as many as 40,000 spectators are expected to line streets from Stanley Park and Coal Harbour to False Creek and Kitsilano.

"The elite field is one of the strongest I've seen in five years," Doyle said, adding that athletes include Kenyan runner Willy Kimosop, 22, who won the Vancouver Sun Run last week.

Last year's women's winner, Mary Akor — who recently placed 13th in the Boston Marathon — will also be participating.

### The route

- The full 42.2-kilometre marathon starts at 7:30 a.m., with runners starting and finishing on Pacific Boulevard near GM Place.
- Participants run through Strathcona to Stanley Park, then through the West End to Kitsilano and back along False Creek.

Doyle said some of the best spots to watch the run are at Denman and Georgia streets, and at Cornwall and Yew streets.

"The finish line on Pacific between B.C. Place and Science world is where all the action takes place," he added.

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## Police hunting robbery suspect

**LANGLEY** Police are asking for the public's help finding a man suspected in a string of armed robberies in Langley.

Security footage of suspect

A man has been targeting pharmacies in Aldergrove since early March, each time holding up the cashier with a gun, said RCMP Cpl. Holly Marks.

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**Pyatt expected to return tonight**

Canucks winger Taylor Pyatt is expected to return for Game 1 of the team's second round playoffs series against the Chicago Blackhawks today after leaving the team earlier this month when his fiancée died. Carly Bragnalo was killed in a car crash in Jamaica on April 2. METRO VANCOUVER

# Election vs. playoff hockey

KELSEA BLOXAM
for Metro Vancouver

**It looks like it's the Canucks — and not the upcoming provincial election — that's dominating water cooler talk in Vancouver, as people interviewed on Robson Street yesterday were enthusiastic about only one of these subjects.**

Nineteen out of 20 people could name three Vancouver Canucks players in the upcoming playoffs series against the Chicago Blackhawks.

The most popular choices were Daniel Sedin, Henrik Sedin and Mats Sundin.

Of the 20, only one person was able to name three B.C. party leaders — Green party Leader Jane Sterk, Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell and NDP Leader Carole James. No one mentioned B.C. Conservative Leader Wilf Hanni.

The majority of those surveyed were excited to answer Canucks trivia but after finding out some election questions would be thrown into the mix the excitement turned to hesitation.

NDP Leader Carole James and Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell

## Testing Vancouver's knowledge

**Of the 20 people interviewed on Robson Street:**

- Able to name three Canucks players: 19
- Able to name three B.C. party leaders: 1
- Plans to watch the NHL series: 17
- Plans to vote: 14
- Knows the date of the next Canucks game: 15
- Knows the date of the Provincial election: 6.

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Some laughed and labelled themselves as bad Vancouverites for knowing little about the upcoming election, including the date — May 12.

Amir Serzhanov, 28, wasn't about to answer any of the election questions but flawlessly answered the entire lineup of Canuck questions.

"Does Jack Layton count? What about Obama?" said Serzhanov sarcastically after "forgetting" the names of all party leaders.

When it came to voting versus watching the games the race was close.

The Canucks again prevailed with 17 Vancouverites saying they planned to watch the entire series compared to 14 who said they planned to vote.

Vancouver Canuck Henrik Sedin

## Head to head: Chicago vs Vancouver

After a week and a half on the shelf, the Canucks hope to shake off the dust as they take on the Chicago Blackhawks tonight at home. The team split their four games this season and the final tilt erupted in a third period brawl. Here's how the cities stack up:

**Superheroes on the big (and small) screen:**
**Chicago**: Spiderman 2 and The Dark Knight.
**Vancouver**: X-Men Origins: Wolverine, Watchmen and Smallville.
**Edge**: Vancouver. Vancouver leaves Chicago as tattered as Hugh Jackman's shirt.

**Political scandals:**
**Chicago**: Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich tried to auction off a Senate seat.
**Vancouver**: Solicitor general John van Dongen's speeding tickets.
**Edge**: Chicago. Blagojevich leaves van Dongen in his dust. He was impeached by a vote of 114-1 for corruption.

**Architecture:**
**Chicago**: The world's first steel-framed skyscraper and the Sears Tower.
**Vancouver**: Arthur Erickson's concrete West Coast style and the ubiquitous East Van special.
**Edge**: Chicago. It has a 'school' of architecture named after it and for many years was home to the world's tallest building, the Sears Tower.

**TV talk show host:**
**Chicago**: Oprah Winfrey.
**Vancouver**: Vicki Gabereau.
**Edge**: Chicago. Oprah is the wealthiest woman in the entertainment world.

**Pop culture:**
**Chicago**: Kanye West, Harrison Ford, Playboy, Patti Smith, Stephen Colbert, Billy Corgan, Chris Farley, Tina Fey, Steve Carell, John Malkovich, Bill Murray and Mr. T.
**Vancouver**: Michael J. Fox, Bryan Adams, Raymond Burr, Hayden Christenson, Ryan Reynolds, Matthew Good, Jason Priestly, Seth Rogen and Devon Sawa.

**Edge**: Chicago. The Windy City is like the kid who just chugged a can of pop and a handful of Pop Rocks — it's bursting with pop culture. I pity the fool.

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**Moms get second chance**

Young women whose children have been put into foster care are getting a second chance at parenting thanks to a program in Saskatoon. Pleasant Hill Place provides counselling and a means for moms to reintegrate themselves into their children's lives. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada

## Coal stations to be phased out: MP

**The Canadian government plans new regulations that will effectively phase out traditional coal-fired power stations, Environment Minister Jim Prentice said in an interview. He said that new coal plants would have to include technology to capture greenhouse gas emissions and inject them underground for permanent storage.**

REUTERS

# Tracking the impact of the flu outbreak

## Illness experts weigh in on the potential severity of the virus as it expands its reach

**What kind of beast will the swine flu prove to be?**

Will it gore its way across the globe in a virulent pandemic, or root around a bit here and there — and then just go away?

"All bets are off," says Dr. Michael Gardam, director of infectious disease prevention and control at the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion.

"We're in a really weird period right now where you don't know which way this is going to go."

But interviews with several communicable illness experts suggest there may be reasons to wager on the more benign outcome, particularly in advanced countries like Canada.

Gardam says evidence so far suggests the swine flu may have the potential to match a 1957 Asian flu pandemic, which killed an estimated two million around the world. But it almost certainly won't have the lethal legs of the 1918 Spanish flu, which killed more than 50 million.

**19** The number of confirmed cases of swine flu in Canada as of yesterday, with health officials predicting the number will continue to grow because of the country's travel links with Mexico. REUTERS

"I think I feel comfortable saying what I'm seeing thus far fits within what we've been planning for," Gardam says.

By comparison, a typical seasonal flu will claim about half a million lives in a year.

In Canada — and around the world — the disease almost certainly exists already in far larger numbers than we know. But it's not making people sick enough to see a doctor.

Regardless of the virus's strength, the most promising news is that it is almost certainly susceptible to the antiviral drugs such as Tamiflu, says Dr. Mark Loeb, a McMaster University flu expert.

"We have antivirals ... and in Canada in particular we have an excellent surveillance program in place," Loeb says. "So we are relatively very well-prepared compared to previous eras."

Kamran Kahn, an infectious disease expert at Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital, says if you have not recently been to an afflicted Mexican region, or in direct contact with someone who has, you needn't worry yet about getting the disease.

"We're not seeing local transmission here inside of Canada to suggest this might be something that's occurring more broadly," Kahn says. "Could that happen? It's certainly possible, but we don't have any evidence of it at this point." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Study warns of increasing food bank use

**WELFARE** Canada's booming economy helped reduce food bank use before the recession, but it didn't erase the surge that followed provincial welfare cuts of the 1990s, says a study to be released today.

And unless federal and provincial governments repair the country's tattered social safety net, more Canadians will be forced to rely on food banks as the economic crisis deepens, the study warns.

### Numbers

- More than 700,000 Canadians used food banks in a typical month last year when the study was conducted. That number has jumped by about 25 per cent since January.

The study, by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, is the first national analysis of how welfare policy affects food bank use.

"Provinces must shift from welfare policies based on distrust of welfare recipients (with provinces essentially setting up rules that punish them), to one that responds to the needs of people," said University of British Columbia economics Prof. David Green, who co-authored the report.

The study, which compared food bank use with welfare policy and unemployment rates between 1990 to 2007, found that a 10 per cent dip in welfare caseloads due to tighter eligibility rules caused a four per cent rise in food bank use. Meanwhile, a 10 per cent cut in welfare rates resulted in a 14 per cent jump in food bank use. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Campbell denies involvement in Schreiber proposal

**INQUIRY** Kim Campbell says former prime minister Brian Mulroney "never approached" her while she was prime minister about a project to build armoured military vehicles in Canada.

Campbell, who succeeded Mulroney and was prime minister from June 25 to Nov. 4, 1993, testified yesterday at an inquiry into business dealings between Karlheinz Schreiber and Mulroney with respect to a proposal in the early 1990s by Bear Head Industries to build the vehicles.

"Certainly in the period I was prime minister, Mr. Mulroney never approached me about this or any other project," said Campbell.

Former Conservative defence minister Perrin Beatty told the inquiry that when Mulroney was prime minister, he never pressured Beatty to support the project.

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Former prime minister Kim Campbell testifies at the Oliphant Commission investigating Brian Mulroney's business dealings with arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber in Ottawa yesterday.

Schreiber, chair of Bear Head Industries, says he paid Mulroney $300,000 to lobby for the project in 1993-94. He claims the deal was struck just before Mulroney stepped down as prime minister, though the money didn't change hands until later.

Mulroney has admitted taking $225,000 from Schreiber, but says he didn't violate any federal ethics rules.

It has been revealed the government killed the project some two years before. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Tamil protest **Scuffle with police**

MARK BLINCH/REUTERS

Police talk to Tamils protesting against the political turmoil in Sri Lanka in Toronto yesterday. Fifteen Tamil demonstrators were arrested yesterday evening after a group of protesters spilled over into a busy downtown intersection. A scuffle broke out between a group of young men and police, ending three days of peace.

# Law firm calls for travel disclosure

**LABOUR** In view of the WHO's Phase 5 alert yesterday, the labour and employment group at Calgary-based law firm McCarthy Tetrault is encouraging employers to consider introducing a policy requiring disclosure of personal employee travel to swine flu "hotspots."

They advise a return-to-work guideline that may require employees to absent themselves from the workplace and declare whether they would be eligible for sick pay.

Paul Wearing, an employment and labour lawyer, said in certain conditions, departments of health "can direct and insist on staff absenting themselves if they have come down with a communicable disease."

"Entitlement to pay while on leave will depend on the precise language of the collective agreement," Wearing said. METRO CANADA

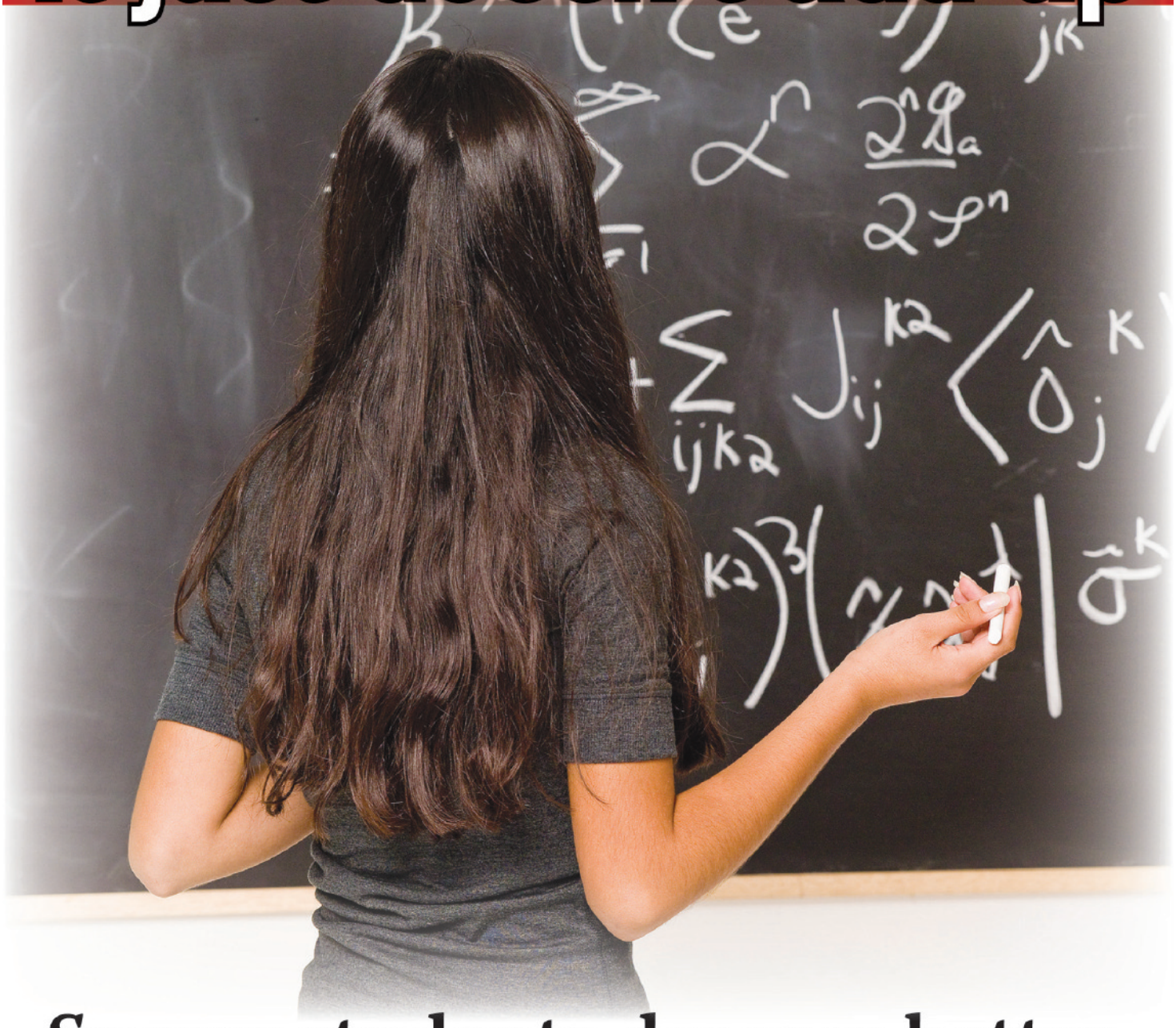
## **News** in brief

**RELEASE** A 45-year-old Alberta woman has been released by her Nigerian captors after being apprehended by gunmen while on a Rotary Club trip on April 16, a Kaduna police spokesman told the BBC. METRO CANADA

# More students than ever

## ...and more cuts to programs and services

# It just doesn't add up



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**Decision expected on flood buyouts**

A decision will be made soon on property buyouts for Manitoba flood victims, said the provincial minister responsible for emergency measures. Steve Ashton is in Ottawa meeting with federal officials on the matter. CBC NEWS ONLINE

## Listeriosis investigator to meet MP

**PROBE** The head of a secretive investigation into the deadly outbreak of listeriosis linked to ready-to-eat meats will interview the federal agriculture minister at the centre of the crisis after all.

"I'm quite excited to chat with her about this," Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz said yesterday during his appearance before a parliamentary subcommittee on food safety conducting a separate probe into how 22 people died and hundreds more became sick after eating tainted deli meats from a Maple Leaf Foods plant in Toronto last summer.

Ritz said last night he expects to meet the investigator soon and stressed the closed-door investigation is outside his reach.

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# Khadr case to resume

## White House can intervene: Lawyer

**The case against a Canadian inmate of Guantanamo Bay that was halted by U.S. President Barack Obama will resume on June 1 unless the administration intervenes, his lawyer said yesterday.**

Walter Ruiz, one of the lawyers for Toronto-born Omar Khadr, said his team had received the announcement from one of the judges presiding over the case of his client.

"We just received a scheduling order from Judge (Patrick) Parrish yesterday, who is a judge on the Omar Khadr case, indicating that absent any action by the current administration or any request for a continuance, the proceedings will resume on June 1," Ruiz told reporters.

"That is an unacceptable circumstance," he added.

Khadr is charged with killing a U.S. soldier during a firefight in Afghanistan in July 2002, when he was 15. Khadr, now 22, is the only citizen of a Western nation still imprisoned at Guantanamo.

He has been there for seven years.

Upon taking office in January, President Obama created a task force to review detainee policy and terrorism prosecutions.

REUTERS

## Edmonton **Day of dancing**

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Jenelle Wilson of the Yellow Ribbon Dancers performs for International Dance Day 2009 in Edmonton's Churchill Square yesterday.

INFORMATION FEATURE

# Relationships tricky for kids as well

When a relationship turns sour, sometimes it's best to get help and get away, says counsellor Shannon Freud.

**DATING** Abuse, betrayal and confusion can happen in any relationship but when those things happen to kids, the anxiety and pain can feel all too difficult to bear.

Shannon Freud, 32, works as a counsellor at Kids Help Phone and says for many kids relationships are a difficult sea to navigate because their feelings can be new, untested and uncertain.

"The teenage years are a time when kids are trying to figure out what it means to be in a relationship and how they feel about being in a relationship. It's definitely something that's very concerning for a kid," Freud said.

Whether it's a caller asking if it's normal for a boyfriend to call her verbally abusive names or a kid trying to decipher why a relationship doesn't feel right, Freud hears from many kids who suffer because they just don't have the same life experiences as adults to draw on when identifying and solving relationship issues.

"The more relationships an individual has, the more they learn about how to communicate in one. Kids really need to have that life experience to learn what works and what doesn't in relationships," Freud said.

Freud says difficult or abusive relationships in the teenage world often mirror those in the adult world, leaving many kids without the tools they need to cope.

"We often see the same issues and kids might be unsure of how to express themselves," she said.

Helping kids resolve their relationship issues is particularly crucial in situations of verbal or emotional abuse because such behaviour could quickly turn violent.

"If two people are in a relationship and they're verbally and emotionally abusive to one another, there's always the chance things could get physically abusive at some point," Freud said.

In cases of serious abuse, both physical and emotional, sometimes the best answer is to get help and keep away.

"If you leave the situation, that cuts out an opportunity to hurt you. They can't hit you if you're not there and the longer you stay in an abusive relationship, the harder it is to get out," Freud said.

The first step for many kids in dealing with dating and relationship issues is to speak to someone like a counsellor at Kids Help Phone who has the life experience and tools necessary to help. All calls are confidential and counsellors encourage kids only to talk about what they want to talk about, no matter how minor (or major) their problems may be.

"Kids can call us and talk about what they're going through and what they're feeling in their relationships. We're here for them 24/7 to help them," Freud said.

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**Two car bombs kill dozens in Baghdad market**

At least 41 people were killed and 68 wounded yesterday when twin car bombs ripped through a busy market in Baghdad's Sadr City slum, mowing down families near a popular ice-cream parlour, police said. A third car bomb planted in a taxicab was detonated by security forces, police said. REUTERS

# World

## Berlusconi, wife in spat

**Italy's first-family soap opera was back on the front pages yesterday after Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's wife said his party's selection of women to run in European elections was a "shamelessly trashy" process. Veronica Lario, 52, said she agreed with descriptions of her husband's party's choice of female candidates as "entertainment for the emperor."** REUTERS

## News in brief

**LONDON** Two men cleared of helping to plot the London suicide bombings in July 2005 were jailed for seven years yesterday for planning to attend terrorist training camps in Pakistan. The duo was declared not guilty Tuesday of helping the bombers scout targets in the city.

**PYONGYANG** North Korea yesterday threatened a new nuclear test unless the UN Security Council apologized for tightening sanctions, confirming fears that Pyongyang is determined to build an atomic arsenal. The U.S. said the threats were counterproductive and urged Pyongyang to return to denuclearization talks.

**PIRATES** NATO states asked military planners yesterday to strengthen the rules of engagement for its ships tackling piracy off Somalia, after legal restrictions forced some to free pirates they had captured, a spokesman said. REUTERS

# Mexico visitors hurry home

**Tourists and foreign students hurried to leave Mexico yesterday because of fears of swine flu and worries that flights would be cancelled after news the virus claimed its first fatality outside Mexico.**

Millions of travellers come to Mexico each year to visit beaches, ancient pyramids and quaint colonial towns, but some headed to the airport sooner than planned.

"We didn't want to get stuck here," said Australian Alex Grinter, who left a beach vacation in the state of Oaxaca to get an early flight to Vancouver.

Argentina and Cuba have temporarily halted flights from Mexico, and the U.S. has advised against non-essential visits to its southern neighbour. Ecuador said it was restricting charter flights to and from Mexico for 30 days, while France said it would seek a European Union ban today on flights to Mexico.

Carnival Cruise Lines cancelled Mexico stops for three of its ships and Canadian tour operator Transat AT said it was postponing flights to Mexico until June 1. WestJet Airlines Ltd. and Air Canada said they were temporarily suspending trips to popular resorts like Cancun. REUTERS

### First U.S. death

- A Mexican toddler in Texas has died of the H1N1 flu strain, the first confirmed death outside Mexico from the virus.

GONZALO FUENTES/REUTERS

**A passenger wears a protective mask upon arrival at Charles de Gaulle airport north of Paris yesterday. France will ask the European Union to suspend all flights going to Mexico due to the swine flu outbreak, officials announced yesterday.**

## Obama marks first 100 days

**POLITICS** U.S. President Barack Obama sought to reassure Americans yesterday he was making progress tackling the economic crisis and in fixing the U.S. image abroad, but urged patience.

"We are off to a good start. But it is just a start," Obama told a White House news conference as he assessed his first 100 days in office and promised to keep up the pace. "I am pleased with our progress, but I am not satisfied."

Buoyed by high public approval ratings, Obama focused on the jam-packed policy agenda he has pursued since his Jan. 20 inauguration, topped by efforts to rescue the economy and repair relations between the U.S. and the rest of the world. REUTERS

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**Mosquitoes carrying disfiguring disease to be tracked with DNA technology**

A novel genetic technology will be used in Africa to track mosquitoes that can spread a disease disfiguring millions with often grotesque swellings, scientists said yesterday. DNA barcoding, a technique that quickly obtains a unique genetic code, would be used to help identify mosquitoes that spread Elephantiasis. REUTERS

# Iraqi women facing regular abuse, UN says

**The vast majority of Iraqi women face domestic violence on a regular basis and many commit suicide because of it, the United Nations said yesterday.**

Iraq and the semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan should take measures to stop violence against women, including honour killings and genital mutilation, the UN mission in Iraq, known as UNAMI, said in a regular report.

"The sensitivity of Iraqi communities to issues concerning women is such that families are frequently not reporting to the authorities incidents of violence against women," it said, adding that to escape the violence, many women turned to suicide.

Iraq should "investigate incidents involving gender-based violence, in particular the so-called 'honour crimes' perpetrated against women," UNAMI said. The group expressed concern about threats against women because of the way they dressed, and it repeated an earlier statement that women were threatened by rape, forced and early marriages, murder, and abduction.

The 2003 U.S.-led invasion triggered a Sunni Islamist insurgency and sectarian bloodletting between Sunnis and majority Shiites. Extremists filled a vacuum of lawlessness, imposing policies that were particularly intolerant of women's rights. REUTERS

## Kuristan deaths

- A total of 163 women were killed as a result of domestic violence in Kurdistan in 2009. Honour killings were a significant concern, the group said.

## Turkey **University bombing**

FIRAT YURDAKUL / REUTERS

A suspected wounded suicide bomber is carried to a hospital in Bilkent University in Ankara yesterday. The woman, pretending to be a student, detonated a bomb during a visit by former justice minister Hikmet Sami Turk, state news agency Anatolian said.

## **News** in brief

**PAKISTAN** Troops took the main town in the strategically important Buner Valley yesterday after dropping by helicopter behind Taliban lines, killing more than 50 militants in two days, the military said. A U.S. drone, meanwhile, fired a missile into another region, the major al-Qaida sanctuary of South Waziristan, killing six militants in the latest such attack by U.S. forces in Pakistan's border areas with Afghanistan. REUTERS

# Sarkozy unveils 'Greater Paris' of the future

**PLANNING** French President Nicolas Sarkozy unveiled a 10-year, $46.2-billion US project yesterday to transform Paris into a green metropolis.

At the heart of the plan is a 130-kilometre automatic metro line looping around the city, linking a series of new economic and technology centres, and more flexible planning laws that would allow as many as 70,000 new housing units a year.

The "Greater Paris" project has been billed as one of the biggest redevelopments of the French capital since the 19th-century planning chief Baron Haussmann reshaped the centre into today's city.

Sarkozy said the economic crisis was no reason to delay a project that he said would take a decade to complete. He said work should begin by 2012, the year in which his current presidential mandate ends. REUTERS

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## Comment

# He's just that into golf

**Relating**

**Steve Collins**

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As my splendid colleague Andrea Woo wrote last week on the musical vetting potential of mates, "A man who has amassed shelves of classic vinyl records … has invested time, money and effort into something he is passionate about. A Top 40 fan, not so much."

Point taken, but it strikes me those high fidelity hectares of vinyl could also serve as a warning. Sure, they're evidence of artistic devotion, of solitary hours sacrificed to esoteric discipline, but what if this attachment is not ultimately transferrable from vintage rockabilly to you?

This extends past music and into any of the obsessions (more kindly termed hobbies) guys have a propensity to develop, and whether it's hockey fanboyhood, political blogging or model trains, the degree of competition they exert for their attention can be considerable. (Gender generalizations are, as always, just that. A buddy of mine is a World of Warcraft widower, genially accustomed to his gamer wife's extended virtual absences in the land of Azeroth).

Only the chronically single can truly afford the detritus that accumulates in the pursuit of the complete works of B-movie auteur Lloyd Kaufman or Star Wars action figures in the original packaging.

**On the web**

- For more views on relating, go to Love Bytes at metronews.ca/blogs

Once shack-up has occurred, or even once someone is sleeping over on a regular basis, this clutter, no matter how lovingly curated, will be subject to quiet or not-so-quiet assessments every spring cleaning season. The space a man's hobby occupies also testifies to the money, time and thought it soaks up, and suggests the degree to which it might be a rival for his affections.

One common solution is to set off a space where the treasured junk can be hoarded and worshipped in peace. This, of course, ultimately threatens to turn you into one of those he-golfs-she-gardens couples, meeting briefly at mealtimes and then again at bedtime — to sleep.

While it's always better if he can share his interests, it's also probably good policy to respect her indifference to the manifest brilliance of his fantasy baseball picks.

I still love loud, dumb music, D&D, and most everything else I surrounded myself with when I was 14 and there were no girls around (and when I gave no thought to which was cause and which was effect).

My beloved properly takes no interest in these, and indulges and mocks my weird fixations in a combination I find frankly irresistible. Whatever my incurably uncool pursuits say about me, her endurance of them attests to her patience, sense of humour and general grooviness.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

## Views

# This ain't Flint – doom, gloom be damned

**Scott Broderick**

*"What's with all the doom and gloom?"*

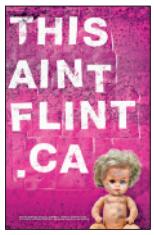
This is the No. 1 question being asked by local business owners lately in reference to the media's role in this self-fulfilling prophesy called "the recession."

The epicentre of this crisis is clearly in the U.S. financial markets and automotive industry. There will certainly be shock waves felt throughout the world and clearly Canada will not escape unscathed (just ask Oshawa, Oakville and Windsor).

To put it all in perspective, however, the Bank of Canada is predicting that, in 2009, our economy will dip approximately three per cent below the peak of the wealthiest and most prosperous period in the history of mankind.

Eight times (more than any other nation ever!), the UN has identified Canada as having the highest standard of living of any country in the world.

- As our capital city, Ottawa enjoys a special place high above the most recent economic fray — second only to Victoria as "the best place to live." (Moneysense magazine.)
- The unemployment rate in Ottawa is one of the lowest in the country (5.2 per cent versus eight per cent nationally.)
- Interest rates are at an all-time low.
- Gasoline prices and new vehicle incentives are more attractive than ever.
- The Ottawa housing market is stable and continues to grow (up 7.2 per cent in March alone!).




*"So, what's with all the doom and gloom?"*

About two months ago, listening to one of our own radio stations, I came to the realization that we are part of the problem. I arrived at work that day and went on a wild rant, but left committed to making a difference. The "This Ain't Flint" campaign is the result of that rant meeting the inspiration of our advertising agency, Alphabet Creative.

We knowingly chose controversial images and content that contrasts our current situation in Ottawa to that of Flint, Mich., 20 years ago. Perhaps this campaign could just as easily have run in any one of Canada's major cities. Author Roy H. Williams says, "The risk of insult is the price of clarity." That contrast and clarity is offered here in Ottawa only to inspire meaningful conversation.

We don't expect to get agreement — just dialogue.

We are not looking for consensus — just discourse.

Most people, however, will reach the utterly inescapable conclusion that, even now, they live in one of the finest cities in the finest country during one of the most prosperous periods in economic history.

Doom and gloom be damned!

Get out and enjoy it!

Scott Broderick is the director of Ontario operations for Newcap Radio and general manager for Newcap's HOT 89.9 and LiVE 88.5 in Ottawa.

## Letters

### More education needed for how-to's of the Internet

*Re: Moralists now stalking Craigslist (April 29)*

I absolutely love this article. Paul Sullivan sums up perfectly just how uneducated people are about the World Wide Web. Everyone can blame Craigslist, or MySpace, or Facebook for their problems, but when it comes down to the truth, the person who is posting the wrong things on those sites is the one in error. How naïve can you be to think that posting an erotic ad, a half-naked profile picture, a phone number or address isn't going to draw unwanted attention?

Has society missed the banner that all the bad guys have hung up, saying, "Hey look, I'm over here, getting pictures of your kid off the Internet, stalking you, learning all the intricate details of your life?" Apparently so.

There needs to be more education on the how-to's and the what-not-to-do's of the Internet. Obviously, people continually getting hurt is not enough of a message.

**BRENDA MACDONALD, CALGARY**

### Madonna's latest adoption attempt sparks outrage

*Re: Madonna hires crew for Mercy (April 24)*

Let me describe my reaction on the bus as I read this.

I became filled with anger, then resentment, finally replaced by rage, so much so that I dropped the paper and refused to read one other article.

Having regained my composure, I asked two people sitting behind me what they thought about this article. I asked them whether they thought it absurd and insulting that a surgically enhanced, artificially dyed woman in her 50s should be seen as the saviour of a three-year-old girl in an African orphanage.

I also asked them whether they thought this amounted to a modern day version of buying a little girl. Both commuters found the article offensive and vile.

Is the Third World to be viewed as in need of salvation by a woman who likes to on occasion crawl on the floor in front of the masses.

**DORSA ZARRABIAN, TORONTO**

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**U.S. airlines shrug off swine flu risks**
U.S. airlines said they have seen little impact from the swine flu, and no major carrier has reported cancelling flights because of it. REUTERS

# Business

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## Home prices decline

### Report finds 4.1% national drop across 6 cities

**Canadian home prices accelerated their fall in February, down 4.1 per cent from a year ago, according to a report issued yesterday.**

The Teranet-National Bank National Composite House Price Index, which measures the rate of change of prices for single-family homes in six metropolitan areas, also showed prices were down 7.4 per cent nationally from the peak hit in August last year. Home prices fell 2.4 per cent in January from a year earlier.

"The disinflation that began in February 2008 is now a year old. The retreat means that, on the whole, Canadian housing has become a buyer's market after five years of seller's-market conditions from 2002 to 2007," said Marc Pinsonneault, senior economist at National Bank Financial.

"Will home price deflation worsen in Canada to the extent it did in the U.S.? We do not believe so."

**"Canadian housing has become a buyer's market after five years of seller's-market conditions."**
Marc Pinsonneault, economist

Home prices in Calgary suffered the biggest year-over-year drop, falling 8.1 per cent in February from the same month a year ago. That was followed by a 6.4 per cent slide in Vancouver and a five per cent decline in Toronto.

Halifax joined the list of markets with falling home prices with a 0.5 per cent dip.

Meanwhile, home prices rose 3.2 per cent in Montreal from a year earlier, and were up 2.8 per cent in Ottawa.

Market watchers say current price declines are part of an ongoing retreat since the market hit its peak in 2007.

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## Sweden CEO attacked

LEIF R JANSSON/REUTERS/SCANPIX

Police apprehend a woman after she attacked the chief executive officer of Swedish energy company Vattenfall, pouring a green colour over him at the firm's annual meeting in Stockholm yesterday. In the background are environmental demonstrators carrying a banner about Vattenfall's coal power plants.

## Maple Leaf says scandal fallout lingers despite profit

**FOOD** Maple Leaf Foods reported a quarterly profit yesterday but the effects of last summer's costly recall of tainted meat lingered on.

Even though revenue and profit rose in its latest quarter, the company said its profit margins continued to be hurt by the meat scandal, which resulted in 22 deaths.

Maple Leaf said it earned $2.9 million, or two cents a share, for the first quarter ended March 31, compared with a loss of $10,000, or nil per share, for the same period a year earlier.

Revenue rose 6.7 per cent to $1.28 billion.

The company said it planned to implement measures to improve margins, including cutting internal costs and reducing promotions. REUTERS

## Flu could hurt wireless: Rogers

**TELECOM** Rogers Communications Inc. said yesterday that the spread of swine flu could dent revenue at its wireless unit if travel restrictions prevent its mobile phone subscribers from ringing up costly roaming charges.

"To the extent that we see the swine flu accelerate, I think we can expect to see some softening in roaming revenues," said Rob Bruce, the head of Rogers' wireless division.

Travel restrictions aimed at halting the growth of swine flu around the world could mean fewer foreigners accruing roaming charges on Rogers' network and fewer Rogers subscribers using other networks abroad. REUTERS

**Precedent**

- Bruce said that Rogers saw a "noticeable impact" on roaming revenue on its network during the 2003 SARS epidemic.

## In brief

**TICKETS** Ontario is going to try to stop the resale of tickets by Ticketmaster and its subsidiary TicketsNow, CBC News Online reports. Legislation will be amended to help ensure fair access to tickets, according to the province's attorney general. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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**Ted Reynolds dead at 83**
Longtime Canadian sports broadcaster and CBC veteran Ted Reynolds died early Tuesday. He was 83. Reynolds' work included play-by-play for 23 sports and 10 Olympic Games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports

## Bolt OK after car crash

Olympic champion sprinter Usain Bolt was not seriously injured after a car accident yesterday. Bolt and a female passenger were taken to a hospital in Spanish Town, Jamaica, but both were fine, according to police. Bolt was apparently driving on a rain-slicked highway when he lost control of the BMW M3 and it went off the road. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Howard suspended one game

NBA 2009 Playoffs

**NBA** Orlando Magic centre Dwight Howard was assessed a one-game suspension by the NBA yesterday for his actions in the team's 91-78 win Tuesday over the Philadelphia 76ers in Game 5 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

The Orlando superstar will miss Game 6 of the series tonight at the Wachovia Center in Philly.

Howard was given a technical foul with 9:15 remaining in the first quarter when he elbowed 76ers centre Samuel Dalembert of Montreal in the head.

The two got tangled up going for a rebound in the first quarter. Replays showed Howard threw an elbow that hit the Canadian above the shoulders. Howard drew a technical foul for the hit.

The Magic lead the best-of-seven series 3-2. Game 7, if necessary, will be played on Saturday.

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## NBA Hawks survive Heat

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Dwyane Wade lays on the court after colliding with Josh Smith of the Atlanta Hawks during Game 5 of their playoff series last night. Atlanta won 106-91 to take a 3-2 series lead. In last night's other NBA playoff game the Denver Nuggets eliminated the New Orleans Hornets with at 107-86 win.

## Manchester United beats Arsenal

**SOCCER** John O'Shea's early goal put Manchester United in control of their Champions League semi-final against Arsenal with a 1-0 first-leg win at Old Trafford yesterday. The holders scored in the 17th minute when Irish defender O'Shea rifled in a half-volley from eight yards after Michael Carrick had turned Anderson's deep corner back across goal.

"From our first-half display we maybe should have had a couple more goals, but we have a lead and kept a clean sheet and we know we are capable of scoring a goal at the Emirates," O'Shea said in a televised interview.

"But it's definitely not over." REUTERS

JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

Martin Havlat of the Chicago Blackhawks attempts a shot against Roberto Luongo on March 29. The Canucks open their playoff series against the Blackhawks tonight.

# Canucks in six

## Rintoul predicts Vancouver's second-round fortunes

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The Blackhawks head into Vancouver fresh off a 4-2 series victory over the Flames on Monday, while the Canucks have been idle since sweeping the Blues nine days ago. The teams split the season series with two wins apiece with Vancouver outscoring Chicago 14-10.

**Goaltending:** Nicolai Khabibulin has backstopped a team to a Stanley Cup, but he's not nearly as consistent as Roberto Luongo. In 16 career playoff starts, Luongo has allowed two or less goals in twelve of those games. **ADVANTAGE: Canucks**

**Defence:** Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook did a great job shutting down Jarome Iginla and company last round, and Brian Campbell can provide instant offence from the backend. That said, Vancouver's top six blue liners are more experienced, more dependable, and more capable of stymieing opposing forwards. **ADVANTAGE: Canucks**

**Forwards:** No Blackhawks put up more points than either Sedin during the regular season, but Chicago's top six is filled with snipers. The Hawks scored more during the regular season than the Canucks and boast eight players that scored at least fifteen goals over the course of the year. Vancouver is very capable of putting the puck in the net, but Chicago is more dangerous when it comes to speed and skill up front. **ADVANTAGE: Blackhawks**

**Special Teams:** Vancouver's penalty kill was nearly perfect in round one, killing 23 of 24 man advantages. If the Canucks show that lack of discipline, the Hawks power play will prove more potent than the Blues. Chicago's PP is clicking at 29.2 per cent in the playoffs, second to only Detroit. In addition, the Blackhawks' PK was 16-for-18 in round one. **ADVANTAGE: Blackhawks**

**Prediction:** Chicago is young, exciting and talented, but they give up too many chances to beat the defensively reliable Canucks and a stingy Roberto Luongo. Youth won't be served this year. **CANUCKS IN SIX GAMES**

### Future games

- Game 2: Saturday 6 p.m.
- Game 3: Tuesday, May 5th 5 p.m.
- Game 4: Thursday, May 7th, 5 p.m.
- Game 5: Saturday, May 9th, 7:30 p.m. *
- Game 6: Monday, May 11th, 6 p.m. *
- Game 7: Thursday, May 14th, TBA *

* If needed

## One-rink circus for Pens-Caps

**NHL** Alex Ovechkin doesn't like Sidney Crosby. Neither does Alexander Semin. Ovechkin disliked Evgeni Malkin, too, but now appears to like him again.

Yet there's much to like in this Pittsburgh-Washington matchup, beginning Saturday when the Eastern semifinal series begins in Washington.

With the NHL's last two MVPs and last three scoring champions in the same series, plus a noticeable edginess whenever the teams meet, there should be plenty of subplots and sound bites.

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## Russians score Hart hat trick

**DATELINE** A trio of Russians — Alex Ovechkin of the Capitals, Evgeni Malkin of the Penguins and Pavel Datsyuk of the Red Wings — were named as finalists for the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player yesterday. It is the first time in the history of the trophy that all three finalists are Russian.

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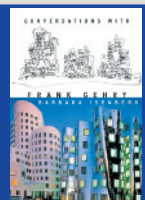

## Gehry's inspiration

**Conversations with Frank Gehry by Barbara Isenberg is on shelves now. In it you'll learn the ins and outs and curves and arcs of the famous modern architect, Frank Gehry.**
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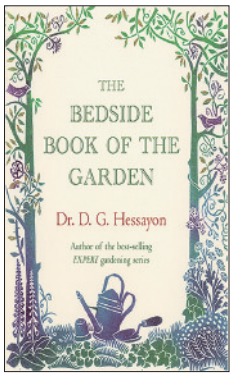


## Clippings

### Getting into bed with the books

**BEDSIDE GARDENER The Bedside Book Of The Garden, by Dr. D.G. Hessayon, Expert Books, $21.95;** Essentially a repackaging of 1983's The Armchair Book of the Garden, publishing phenomenon David Hessayon (author of the 21 bestselling Expert series of gardening books) has updated the current edition, which is full of interesting tidbits, trivia and some downright useful information.
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# Furnished basement evolution

HomeScape
Sylvia Putz
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The basement started out with a dirt floor. It may even have been a crawl space that was used as a food cellar, a place to store potatoes and onions and preserves over the winter.

Then the dirt floor was covered up with concrete, but it was still a scary place, where the huge, fiery-eyed furnace hulked in the shadows and made funny noises. One or two bare bulbs barely lit the space. Often, low ceilings forced you to slouch. Sometimes, children were sent into the basement as punishment because it was such a frightening and unpleasant place.

But those days are over, thank goodness. At some point, people began to consider the basement's potential as more than a setting for a scary novel or a creepy movie. After all, it could increase your living space by a full floor, giving you lots more room to spread out. Who could resist?

By the time I arrived on the scene, a finished basement looked exactly like the one depicted in late 1970's Wayne's World skits — the infamous "rec" (wreck?) room of my youth. Some of you may remember the wall-to-wall shag carpeting, the wood paneling on every wall and the well-worn matching plaid sofa and armchair?

Precisely because of its slovenly charms, we teenagers would automatically head down to the basement. Here in this forgiving space, we could hang out undisturbed, watch TV, and eat snacks without fear of messing up the fussier spaces upstairs.

But things have changed in the world of finished basements. The ante has been upped, and the finished basement is becoming elegant and stylish. It looks more like a bona fide part of the house, no longer the make-do space it used to be.

The design is often customized, and people are designing with their hobbies in mind.

But before you go off and renovate, make sure you tackle the three scourges of finished basements—dampness, lack of light and lack of warmth. Remember that a basement is, in fact, built into a hole in the earth and you must come up with ways to get around the natural disadvantages inherent in this reality.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in decor and design. She's written for the TV show Arresting Design; sputz@arrestingdesign.com.

### Low down on the underground

- Most important is the requirement for a dry basement. Guard at all times against seeping or flooding. Get waterproofing if you need it, and use floor insulation that allows drainage.
- A dark dingy basement with small high windows is also undesirable. Make sure to put in adequate artificial lighting, so the space feels inviting.

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**A tough nut to crack**

In 1919 the 36th Texas Legislature made the pecan the state tree. In southeast Texas, the Texas Pecan Festival is celebrated every year. "Pecan" is from an Algonquian word, meaning a nut requiring a stone to crack. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Food

**Although popularly referred to as a nut, the almond is not a true nut, but the seed of a drupe (a botanical name for a category of fruit).** METRO NEWS SERVICES

**Foreigner**

**The word walnut derives from Old English "wealhhnutu," literally "foreign nut." The walnut was so called because it was introduced from Gaul and Italy.**

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# A handful of sweet heat

À la carte

**Barb Holland**

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**Nuts and seeds not only add flavour and texture to just about any dish, they are nutrient dense and provide an array of beneficial nutrients such as protein, vitamin E, folate, calcium, magnesium, copper, zinc, iron and fibre.**

Walnuts are a great source of the omega-3 fatty acid and are rich in antioxidants. Almonds are high in calcium, magnesium, potassium and vitamin E. Peanuts are higher in protein and niacin than most other nuts and rich in folate. Pecans have a very high antioxidant content. As well, nuts and seeds contain protein, especially when combined with legumes such as peas, beans and lentils.

And yes, nuts contain fat, and while it is mostly healthy-for-your-heart fat, the calories do add up.

One serving is 1 oz. (30 g) which is a small handful, about ¼ cup (60 ml) and that's about 175 calories and 16 g of fat. So practice portion control and top your cereal, yogurt, salad or pasta with a sprinkle of nuts or seeds for a healthy crunch.

BARB HOLLAND/FOR METRO CANADA

Sweet with a hint of spice, these nuts can be addictive.

### Sweet & Spicy Nuts

Sweet with a bit of heat, they can be addictive. The amount of cayenne is up to you. Makes 2 cups (500 ml).

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 egg white, lightly beaten
- 2 cups (500 ml) walnut or pecan halves
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) brown sugar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground cumin
- 1/2 to 1 tsp (2 - 5 ml) cayenne
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt

**METHOD:**

In a bowl, lightly beat egg white. Add nuts and stir until nuts are evenly moistened. Combine brown sugar, cumin, cayenne and salt; sprinkle over walnuts and toss well to coat evenly.

Spread nuts on parchment paper lined rimmed baking sheet. Bake in preheated 325 F (160 C) oven 25 to 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes to separate nuts, until coating is crisp and nuts are fragrant. Cool before serving.

**Tips:**

- Buy nuts and seeds where there is a high turnover for freshness.
- Store in an air-tight container in the refrigerator for up to 6 months or freeze for up to 1 year.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

# French cuisine made elegantly simple

**French food has an intimidating reputation. Delicious and spectacular, yes, but also complicated, time-consuming, rich for today's tastes and requiring a professional chef 's arsenal of techniques and equipment.**

Not so! Laura Calder, host of Food Network Canada's hit program French Food at Home, has a different approach, and she's here to show you that French food is easier, lighter and even more wonderful than you ever imagined.

French Taste (HarperCollins Canada) focuses on modern French home cooking, keeping all of the flavour and flair of classic cuisine but making it simpler and fresher. Metro got a hold of this wonderfully simple recipe that delights the eyes as much as the palate.

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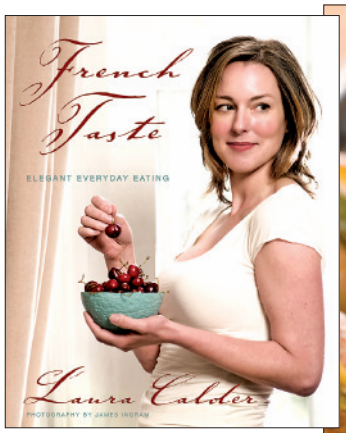
### Accordion Potatoes

A woman I once cooked with in the south of France taught me this method for potatoes, and I still love to make them when I'm in the mood for a little fun. All you do is slice potatoes, without cutting through all the way, so that the slices remain hinged at the bottom. When the potatoes bake, the slices get crisp and golden, fanning out slightly like leaves in a book, like a jewelry box for rings, like the folds of a gypsy's accordion ... However you want to think of them, they're awfully cute.

Makes 4 servings.




**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 pounds (900 g) medium-small potatoes, such as Yukon Gold or red potatoes
- Bay leaves and thyme sprigs
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) melted butter

**METHOD:**

Heat the oven to 375°F (190°C). Cut the potatoes crosswise, as for hard-cooked eggs, into slices no thicker than your finger, but cut only about three-quarters of the way through.

Lay the herbs between a few of the folds. Arrange the potatoes on a baking sheet, and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle with oil and melted butter, and bake until golden and crisp on the outside and soft inside, 45 minutes to an hour.

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These Accordion Potatoes are "awfully cute," says cookbook author and television host Laura Calder.

## LiquidAssets

**Peter Rockwell**

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## Movie mates

My suggestion to match wine and a DVD rental a couple of weeks ago had many of you asking what goes best with movie munchies.

I'm a potato chip fan from way back so a bowl full of salt-laden, deep fried spud shavings is my favourite snackable when I pop in a disc. Excessive saltiness in anything can be a wine killer but the bubbly goodness of a sparkling wine cleanses the palate and works wonders with even the simplest of dishes.

The **Jacob's Creek Chardonnay Pinot Noir ($13.65 - $16.99)** from Down Under is an ideal when-in-doubt wine that goes with just about anything (including a plate of nachos or a big bag of Cheezies) with its champagne styling and smooth berry fruit undertones.

Of course popcorn is the classic movie mate and its wine partner is dictated by whether you pour on the butter or prefer your Orville Redenbacher naked. Any dry white will do if you pass on the topping but butter fans should reach for a glass of something that mimics the creaminess on the kernels like **Mission Hill's Reserve Chardonnay ($18.99 - $21.99)** from British Columbia. Now if only finding a decent flick to watch was as easy.

*Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.*

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

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## Urban Foodie

# Fine dining on the down-low

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The recent downturn in the economy has caused a proportionate downturn in our discretionary spending. The restaurant industry has responded by adding an unprecedented amount of low-cost options to their regular menus.

The biggest trend? Prix fixe menus, ranging from $20 to $55+ per person for three to five courses. Here, in no particular order, are our top picks for stretching your dining dollar in style.

**The Place:** Cibo Trattoria, 900 Seymour St., 604-602-9570
**The Price:** $35
**The Menu:** Three dishes, regional Italian, menu changes frequently
**The Deal:** Nightly, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**The Place:** Mon Bella Bistoria, 1809 West 1 Ave., 604-569-2741
**The Price:** $20
**The Menu:** Three dishes (includes wine on Tuesdays), French & Italian fare
**The Deal:** Nightly

**The Place:** So.Cial at Le Magasin, 332 Water St., 604-669-4488
**The Price:** $25
**The Menu:** Five tapas, monthly global menu (May features Alsace)
**The Deal:** Nightly

**The Place:** Pied-à-Terre, 3369 Cambie St., 604-873-3131
**The Price:** $29.50
**The Menu:** Three courses, French bistro fare
**The Deal:** For lunch and dinner

**The Place:** Lumière, 2551 West Broadway, 604-739-8185
**The Price:** $55
**The Menu:** Three courses, regional B.C. fare
**The Deal:** Tuesday to Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### On the web

- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.

**The Place:** Market by Jean-Georges, 1128 West Georgia St., 604-695-1115
**The Price:** $28
**The Menu:** Two plates & dessert, pan-Asian and B.C. fare
**The Deal:** For lunch only

**The Place:** Chow, 3121 Granville St., 604-608-2469
**The Price:** $38
**The Menu:** Three courses, local, seasonal, organic fare
**The Deal:** Nightly 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays all night

**The Place:** West, 2881 Granville St., 604-738-8938
**The Price:** $55
**The Menu:** Three courses plus amuse and petit fours, regional B.C. cuisine
**The Deal:** Nightly

**The Place:** Two Chefs and a Table, 305 Alexander St., 778-233-1303
**The Price:** $44
**The Menu:** Five courses, local, seasonal menu changes weekly
**The Deal:** Nightly

**The Place:** Provence Marinaside, 1177 Marinaside Cres., 604-681-4144
**The Price:** $42
**The Menu:** Three courses, French Mediterranean cuisine
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Pemberton Meadows skirt steak with arugula and cipollini onions at Cibo Trattoria.

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# Style

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Halle by Halle Berry Eau de Parfum Spray ($49 for 50mL)

## Star Scent

Halle Berry joins the cast of celebrity noses

By **KRISTEN VINAKMENS**
Contributing Writer

At nine years old, Halle Berry fancied herself a perfumer. She used to sneak into the bathroom and mix her mother's two favourite fragrances, Youth-Dew and Coco Chanel, to create her very own perfume. Blending her own fragrances is something the Oscar-winning actress has continued to do. "I've always wanted to wear something that nobody else is wearing," explains Berry. So, it makes sense that the actress would launch a perfume of her own: Halle by Halle Berry.

At the New York press launch, the actress and new mom describes how she took two years off to develop the fragrance. "Ten years ago, I was so focused on my career," says Berry. "Then I decided that I wanted to have a family. Fragrance was something I've always wanted to do, and I knew that if I put my name on something, I had to put time into it. This is like my second baby."

During her time off, Berry was busy developing the perfume and having her first baby, daughter Nahla, with Canadian boyfriend Gabriel Aubry. "Being pregnant helped me because I got a sense of what I liked and what I didn't like," she says. "I've never felt more sensual and connected to the earth."

For his part, Aubry served as an unofficial guinea pig. "He really had to like it because I wear this now. It had to be something that he found sexy—and he loves it."

## SWEET SHOP

**Lighten up with pretty pastels as sweet as spun sugar.**

**EXPERT Jenia O'Connor, freelance makeup artist** • Apply a tinted moisturizer, and then dust translucent powder down the centre of the face and across the forehead. • Dab a peachy-pink cream blush on the apples of the cheeks. • Apply white-gold eyeshadow in the inner corner of the eyes, across the centre of the eyelids, and in the centre of the upper lip to create the illusion of a fuller pout. • Curl lashes, and apply one coat of black or brown mascara.

Clinique Blushwear Cream Stick in Peachy Blush ($21.50)

Nars Single Eyeshadow in Baby Girl ($26)

M.A.C Tricolour Lipglass in Consume Me ($21)

## AFRICAN GLAM

Parisian flair goes tribal

Metal hoop earring, Modes Chivas ($35, 514-389-7166)

Print silk blouse ($89, at Mango)

Silk wrap skirt, Hoss Intropia ($435, 1-877-281-2399)

Resin-bead necklaces, Rosemary Hedges ($60 each, 514-937-7045)

Platform leather and wood sandals ($135, at Aldo)

Ruffles leather and linen shoulder bag, High Fashion Handbags ($250, highfashionhandbag@bellent.ca)

### Editors' Pick

## SUN DANCE

A vintage photo of Katharine Hepburn returning from a day at the beach inspired the sun-kissed skin and red lips seen at Michael Kors. Normally reserved for fall, this vivid red mouth looks easy and fresh when paired with glowing skin. Sweep a bronzing powder on cheeks, nose and other places where the sun naturally hits, and fill in subtly lined lips with a moisturizing lipstick.

YSL Rouge Pur in Blazing Red ($35)

Smashbox O-Bronze Intuitive Cheek Bronzer ($34)

## HOT BEAUTY

Summertime means sexy sundresses, evenings on the patio — and a whole new beauty look. The objective? Sun-kissed skin with perfectly painted lips and lids in summer shades of rose and coral.

YSL Palette D'Artiste Collector Powder for the Eyes ($78)

## BEST IN SHOE

Beth Levine Shoes by Helene Verin

Before becoming a footwear designer, Beth Levine, with her dainty size 4B feet, worked as a shoe model. Her dream, however, was to make fashionable shoes that fit well. Everybody wanted them, from Jackie Kennedy to Marilyn Monroe. With her husband, marketing whiz Herbert Levine, she made boots, mules and stiletto heels that were must-have fashion accessories. In Beth Levine Shoes, Helene Verin has amassed photographs of Levine's designs and written the first biography of the woman who designed the shoes Nancy Sinatra wore when she sang These Boots Are Made for Walkin'. SANDRA MARTIN

**Lil Wayne launches suit**
Lil Wayne has filed a lawsuit against a producer who used a sample for a song without permission. According to the suit, Wayne's lawyers claim Rock Productions produced the rapper's song I Feel Like Dying and was responsible for obtaining any necessary licensing agreements. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Entertainment

**Twin girls**
It'll be a girl – and a girl! – for Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick. The couple are expecting twin daughters later this summer "with the generous help of a surrogate." PEOPLE.COM

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# Life's all good for Bob Dylan

SONY MUSIC PHOTO

Together Through Life is the latest album from Bob Dylan.

**THESE ARE DIFFICULT** times in which we live, especially for those of us peeking around the far corner of life. We're watching the landscapes in which we grew up turn to rust and finding the dark side of the people with whom we've entrusted our dreams. Whether by plan or coincidence, the poet grapples here with a greying world that seems barren of meaning or answers. The song titles of the opening tracks — Beyond Here Lies Nothin', Life Is Hard, (Hell Is) My Wife's Hometown — relate a foreboding but familiar story. With the help of Grateful Dead lyricist Robert Hunter, Dylan presents us with a script for the late stages of life, blemished and filled with bitterness. He offers it up in the only way his ragged, grating voice can still sound vital — as a blues singer (with credit to Willie Dixon), howling at forces we've never been able to control. And the blues come easy to his always-expert band, buoyed by the accordion of Los Lobo David Hildago and accented by the caustic guitar of Mike Campbell. But there's always hope, even with Dylan, even in these troubled times. As the closing track of the album states, It's All Good.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

## Bob **Dylan**

**Album:** Together Through Life
**Label:** Columbia/Sony
**Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕½

## Patrick **Watson**

**Album:** Wooden Arms
**Label:** Secret City Recordings
**Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕

**THIS IS ONE** of those arty records that many people "in the know" will pay homage to, but few will actually listen to more than once. It's the sort of thing you pull out late at night when you're stuck at home and the rain is hammering against the window. Watson is a fine pianist and he's got some extraordinary musicians backing him up, especially drummer Robbie Kuster and guitarist Simon Angell. There are patches of brilliance throughout this ambitious piece of chamber pop. But Watson, who won the Polaris Music Prize in 2007, deals more with atmospherics than melody. Fluttering violins, dancing harps and cartoon sound effects are all nice, but only the country-flavoured Big Bird In A Small Cage really breaks through. And that's due to an infectious banjo from Angell and some welcome vocal assistance from Katie Moore. This could do with a little more melody and a lot less ambience.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

## The Ghost is **Dancing**

**Album:** Battles On
**Label:** Sonic Unyon
**Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕⊕

**TORONTO'S MUSIC SCENE** is filled with bands you've never heard of, unless you've spent some time around the city's clubs. The Ghost is Dancing is one of those acts — they've got a following in the T-Dot, but they're still making a name for themselves everywhere else. The group's sophomore record takes a big step in the right direction, and will likely earn plenty of followers. Battles On is loaded with sweeping choruses, loud, layered riffs and a well-honed indie rock sensibility. While they're not that different from other campus charting acts, they churn out enough singalong melodies to set them apart.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

## Art **Brut**

**Album:** Art Brut vs. Satan
**Label:** Downtown
**Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕

**IT'S NOT EVERY** day that a British rock band makes people laugh, but Art Brut's new creation might be the most hilarious album of the year. Lead singer Eddie Argos takes aim at everything from U2 and weird bruises, but he saves his best lines for the record buying masses —"How can you sleep at night when nobody likes the music we like? Record buying public, we hate them!" There are plenty of other gems, especially on DC Comics and Chocolate Milkshake. Musically, it's not the most moving stuff — talk-ish melodies over unmemorable instrumentation — but this disc is too humorous to miss.

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## Ben **Lee**

**Album:** The Rebirth Of Venus
**Label:** New West Records
**Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕

**TO PUT IT** in Ben Lee's words, this album is "philosophy you can dance to." Well, it would be a lot easier to dance to if he didn't overload us with the preachy "I've discovered feminism at the age of 30" notes lining the CD jacket. Unfortunately, they taint this entire project which is otherwise filled with wit, catchy campfire hooks and Lee's unstoppable joy for life. He has an uncanny ability to write celebratory songs that you can't help but sing along to. He proved it on his last outing with Catch My Disease. He does it again here with What's So Bad (About Feeling Good) and the wonderfully wry I Love Pop Music. The messages Lee delivers on tracks like Families Cheating At Board Games and Boy With A Barbie are only surface deep, but they're sung with an honesty that's hard to deny. This less-than subtle approach turns into sledgehammer sermonizing, however, in I'm A Woman Too and Song For The Divine Mother Of The Universe (no kidding, that's the title).

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

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## Matthews, Pearl Jam go to the Limits

**MUSIC** Pearl Jam, Dave Matthews Band and the Beastie Boys will headline the three-day Austin City Limits Music Festival in Texas on Oct. 2-4.

Other acts scheduled to perform at the annual Zilker Park event include Kings of Leon, Ben Harper and Relentless7, Thievery Corporation, John Legend, Sonic Youth, Mos Def, the B-52s, Lily Allen, the Decemberists, and Coheed and Cambria.

Pearl Jam is also planning to tape an appearance on the Austin City Limits television show, the public TV series that is the festival's inspiration. Last year ACL was the fifth highest-grossing festival reported to Billboard at $11.8 million US, with attendance of 218,000.

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**Big news**

Mr. Big is back. Chris Noth, who has played Carrie Bradshaw's love interest in the past, has joined the cast of Sex and the City 2, the sequel to last year's surprise smash. EMPIREONLINE.COM

### Scorsese to oversee Cannes retrospective

**FILM** Filmmaker and cinema historian Martin Scorsese will serve as honorary president of the sixth annual Cannes Classics sidebar at next month's Cannes Film Festival, organizers said.

This year's retrospective lineup will feature the works of such familiar names as Jean-Luc Godard (Pierrot le Fou), Michelangelo Antonioni (L'avventura), Luchino Visconti (Senso) and Jacques Tati (Mr. Hulot's Holiday), while Scorsese will personally present a restored version of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's 1948 feature The Red Shoes.

### Huston signs on to Clash of the Titans

**FILM** Danny Huston has signed on as a Mount Olympus power player, taking the role of Poseidon in the upcoming action fantasy film Clash of the Titans. He joins a cast that includes Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes. Sam Worthington, Mads Mikkelsen, Gemma Arterton and Alexa Davalos. REUTERS

From left, Michael Douglas and Charlie Sheen in Wall Street.

## Wall Street II: Greed's not so good anymore?

**FILM** Actor Michael Douglas has signed on to reprise his role as ruthless corporate raider Gordon Gekko in a sequel to his 1987 movie Wall Street, Twentieth Century Fox has said.

Oliver Stone, who made the first movie, also has agreed to direct the sequel, which has working title of Wall Street II but no scheduled release date, Fox said.

Just as Wall Street epitomized the high-flying 1980s with Gekko's motto "greed is good," the sequel is expected to mirror the latest news from the credit crisis and the recession.In the 1987 Wall Street, Gekko is a powerful investor who schools a young protege in making money by shady means. Production on the sequel is expected to begin this summer, and the screenplay comes from Allan Loeb, who helped pen the 2008 gambling movie 21 starring Kevin Spacey.

Douglas in recent years has starred in the 2006 romantic comedy You, Me and Dupree and the 2000 drama Traffic, but his part as Gekko remains among his most memorable roles. Stone's last film, the 2008 biopic W. about former President George W. Bush, made only $29 million US at worldwide box offices.

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# Steady as she goes

## Silversun Pickups are content to stay off the trend rollercoaster

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

**Some things never change. At least that appears to be the running theme surrounding Los Angeles alternative shoegazers, Silversun Pickups.**

The band's been active for almost 10 years. And in that time, it's gone from the cusp of hip to... the cusp of hip. "We were always the band opening up for the new hip thing," says Brian Aubert, the band's fronting vocalist and guitarist. "We would play and they would play and six months later, that scene was dead. That band would change their haircuts and reinvent themselves, and we would still open for them."

But despite the band's seemingly static state, Aubert says he's quite comfortable with the perpetuation. "You don't want to live and die by a scene."

Silversun Pickups may be through with the scene, but the scene's not through with them. The foursome just wrapped two sets at the touted South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas and four dates in London. Now, it's poised to take the stage at major American music festivals Coachella in California and Sasquatch in Washington State — all after taking an eight-month performance hiatus.

And while Aubert admits the band didn't fare too well when they first returned to the stage, he says it quickly got back on the bike. "We did a show in Kansas City before South by Southwest. I think, two days before that, it started to feel good... which is cutting it close," he says with a laugh. "We're a live band. We could sit in that rehearsal space all day long, and it just doesn't feel the same. You've just got to kind of play to get good at it."

The Silversun Pickups.

**"You don't want to live and die by a scene."** Brian Aubert

While performance context and performing itself remain relatively the same for Silversun Pickups, such is not the case for the band's music. It's built a history of dreamy shoegaze pop, with ample sonic sounds and pieces of dramatic instrumental climax. But on its new album Swoon, Silversun Pickups are picking up those pieces and running with them.

"We wanted to push things further in both directions — more chaotic (and) more crazy but a lot more moodier, quieter and prettier," says Aubert.

"I found I was trying to extract more emotion and more heightened sonics out of the older material, which I think could probably be a bad thing. That's how we started making Swoon — knowing where we wanted to go that we weren't going before."

Where are Silversun Pickups going? Aubert says when the band started making records, it never really considered any amount of success would propel it to this level.

"'This five minute, 56 second song will be totally huge!'" he jokes, "We just don't think about it like that." Instead, Aubert chalks the band's past and future up to chance.

"True, when luck comes you have to be prepared. But it's luck nonetheless. Hopefully your feet are on the right soil."

## Court finds technician guilty in Edison Chen sex scandal case

**CELEB JUSTICE** A Hong Kong court yesterday found a computer technician guilty of stealing over 1,300 sexually explicit pictures off the computer of actor Edison Chen, which were widely distributed and tarnished the careers of several stars across Asia.

Appearing in court wearing dark glasses, a cap and face mask as photographers swarmed around him, Sze Ho-chun was found guilty by a Hong Kong magistrate of three counts of obtaining access to a computer with a view to making a dishonest gain.

VIVEK PRAKASH/REUTERS

Edison Chen

Sze, 24, who serviced a laptop computer belonging to Chen in 2006, was accused of unlocking encrypted files, then copying and distributing over 1,300 lewd photographs.

Chen, who has a regional following, admitted to taking the pictures of him performing sex acts with at least half a dozen women, including the Hong Kong starlets Cecilia Cheung, Bobo Chan and Cantopop star Gillian Chung from the pop duo Twins.

Since the scandal broke last year, the explicit photographs have spread over the Internet and been splashed across the city's newspapers, burning the careers of starlets such as Chung who had to split from her singing partner Charlene Choi. REUTERS

**The Hills returning in fall**

MTV will air the second half of the fifth season of The Hills this fall. Leading lady Lauren Conrad, right, however, will not appear in the new episodes. TVGUIDE.COM

# Michelle on People list

## U.S. first lady among mag's 100 most beautiful

**Breast cancer survivor Christina Applegate made the cover of People magazine's 100 most beautiful people issue yesterday in a list that welcomed newcomers U.S. first lady Michelle Obama and Twilight heart-throb Robert Pattinson.**

Pattinson's vampire-loving co-star Kristen Stewart, teen music idols Nick and Joe Jonas and Slumdog Millionaire star Dev Patel also made the coveted list for the first time, in the celebrity magazine's annual issue that hits newsstands tomorrow.

Applegate, 37, the star of the U.S. TV show Samantha Who?, won admiration for going public last year about her breast diagnosis and later underwent a double mastectomy.

The actress, who has since undergone reconstructive breast surgery, told People in an interview it was hard to look at herself naked.

"You don't look the same anymore and you never will. A part of you is gone. ... It's a decision that you made to save your life," she said. It was Applegate's third appearance on the People list.

Michelle Obama, who has achieved celebrity status and has wowed the world as a fashion icon, made the list for the first time.

"I had a father and a brother who thought I was beautiful, and they made me feel that way every single day," Obama told the magazine.

"I grew up with very strong male role models who thought I was smart and fast and funny, so I heard that a lot. I know that there are many young girls who don't hear it. But I was fortunate," she added.

Also included in a Barack's Beauties section were White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and others.

Pattinson, 22, who has a huge teen girl following after appearing in the Twilight movie blockbuster, said he didn't quite understand his heartthrob status.

"I don't get it. It's funny, you look the same for years and no one ever mentions it. Then suddenly it's a big deal," he told People.

The 100 list also included old favourites George Clooney, Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt and Halle Berry. REUTERS

Michelle Obama, left, made People's 100 most beautiful people list. Actress Christina Applegate graces the cover of the mag's special issue.

## Profanity ruling slammed

**TV** Barbara Streisand made headlines when she said it three years ago, former U.S. vice president Dick Cheney caused a stir in 2004 when he uttered the word to a senator but TV mobster Tony Soprano used it constantly.

Yet even a fleeting use of the "F-word" or the "S-word" on U.S. network television remains subject to fines under a Supreme Court split ruling Tuesday, which critics said was out of touch with ordinary Americans.

"What's the point of continuing to apply a censorship regime to one of the oldest mediums — broadcast TV and radio — when kids are flocking to unregulated mediums in large numbers?," said Adam Thierer, a senior fellow with the Progress and Freedom Foundation think-tank on the digital revolution.

In its first ruling on broadcast indecency standards in more than 30 years, the Supreme Court upheld a U.S. government policy that subjects television network broadcasters to fines if they air a single expletive on the airwaves before 10 p.m.

The Fox television network said it would pursue the case in the lower courts on constitutional free speech grounds.

Parent groups welcomed the decision. The conservative Parents Television Council said it was "an incredible victory for families" that ensured the well-being of children. REUTERS

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## Mandel to host game show gala

**EVENT** Howie Mandel has been tapped to host GSN's Game Show Awards. The two-and-a-half-hour ceremony, which airs on the cable network June 6, will honour game shows, with tributes to pioneers Bob Barker (The Price Is Right), game show producer Mark Goodson, and host/producer Monty Hall (Let's Make a Deal). Mandel received an Emmy nomination for his hosting duties on NBC's game show Deal or No Deal. REUTERS

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## critics' corner

**Bones**

After a dead fraternity brother is found inside the mascot uniform of a rival school, Bones and Booth (Emily Deschanel, David Boreanaz) discover the victim had a shady operation going on the side. Booth offers to help his brother Jared (guest star Brendan Fehr) get a job despite a dishonorable discharge from the Navy. Michaela Conlin also stars in the new episode "The Beaver in the Otter." 8 PM on FOX

**Southland**

The body of an unidentified woman found in an alley is used for target practice by gang members. Nate's (Kevin Alejandro) little sister goes missing, and secrets from his past are revealed. Russell (Tom Everett Scott) is miffed by Lydia's (Regina King) suggestion that he crossed some personal boundaries while consulting with a victim's sister. Michael McGrady also stars in the new episode "Sally in the Alley." 10 PM on CTV

**Maybe she should stick to singing...**

Brit singing sensation Susan Boyle is reportedly looking to cash in with a tell-all book, according to Crain's New York. But some publishing executives say there might not be much to tell. "She has a story," one editor tells the newspaper. "But it's a short story." METRO WORLD NEWS

# Celebrity Buzz

## Sean files for separation

**PAPERWORK** Sean Penn has filed for "legal separation with minor children" from his wife of 13 years, actress Robin Wright Penn, usmagazine.com reports.

He filed the papers last Friday, Extra first reported.

Penn, 48, initially filed for divorce in December 2007, but his petition was later dismissed. Three days later, Wright Penn, 43, filed her own paperwork.

But in April 2008, the couple's divorce petition was dismissed at their request.

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## Eva plans Euro escape

**MOVING** Eva Longoria is planning to kiss the U.S. goodbye. She and husband Tony Parker are planning to move to France — eventually. "Tony and I will be moving to France after Desperate Housewives, Longoria tells Extra. "Actually, after his basketball career." Parker is originally from France, but at 26 years old, he still has plenty of his NBA career ahead of him.

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# Sam slapped with restraining order

**LEGAL** Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Aviva Bobb issued a three-year restraining order against Sam Lutfi, the singer's former manager Tuesday, people.com reports.

Jon Eardley — a lawyer who repeatedly challenged the validity of Jamie Spears' legal control over his daughter — was also slapped with a restraining order for three years.

Both men must stay at least 100 yards away from Britney, her two sons and her family members' homes, and must not harass Britney and her children or contact them through phone, mail or email. It also prohibits them from "acting on Ms. Spears' behalf or purporting to act on her behalf."

The singer's father, who filed the request on Jan. 30, alleged that both men have harassed his daughter, adding Lutfi arranged the smuggling of a cellphone to the pop star at a hotel.

Bryan Freedman, Lutfi's attorney tells People: "We absolutely will appeal this ruling. Never before in history has a restraining order been issued against someone who answered another person's cries for help."

The order followed several hearings in which Spears' father, her hairstylist, bodyguard, among others, testified that the singer was in fear of Lutfi. In his defence, Lutfi's younger sister Christina testified that it was Britney who hatched the cellphone scheme because she allegedly wanted Lutfi's help to end her father's control.

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# Oops: Celebs unwittingly attend strip club?

**TRICKED** Next time, these stars will be reading the fine print!

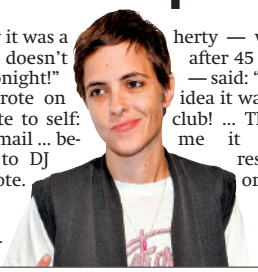
Samantha Ronson and Shannen Doherty weren't pleased when they found out they were headed to a strip club Tuesday, usmagazine.com reports.

They agreed to attend the opening of Sapphire Gentleman's Club in New York, not knowing there would be topless dancers and body-painted performers.

Ronson was visibly angry for having to DJ at the event.

"Sam feels she got tricked into performing," a source told usmagazine.com before the party. "She didn't know it was a strip club. She doesn't want to go on tonight!"

In fact, she wrote on her Twitter: "Note to self: read the whole email ... before saying yes to DJ gigs," she wrote. "Sapphire??? Oops!"



Shannen Doherty — who left after 45 minutes — said: "I had no idea it was a strip club! ... They told me it was a restaurant or club."

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## Katy flashed a girl and she liked it?

**NAUGHTY** Katy Perry once flashed her vagina to Lady Sovereign. The singer accidentally showed the rapper her nether regions during a hotel room party, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Lady Sovereign revealed to thehothits.com: "At one of her after-parties she put her pyjamas on and I don't think she was wearing anything underneath. It was like a long T-shirt kind of thing ... I saw something I shouldn't have seen."

Gossip blogger Perez Hilton recently claimed Katy and Lady Sovereign "locked themselves in a bathroom" at a recent party and were "doing naughty things."

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## Mel seen out with Oksana

**APPEARANCE** Two weeks after his wife filed for divorce, Mel Gibson made a rare public appearance with his girlfriend Tuesday at a screening of X-Men Origins: Wolverine, people.com reports.

The actor, 53, dressed in a black suit with a dark grey shirt, held hands on the carpet with Oksana Grigorieva, a 39-year-old Russian singer.

"They came in quietly and as under-the-radar as they could," says a source. "Mel seemed very comfortable."

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## Rogen's traumatic childhood bullying

**EMBARRASSED** Seth Rogen was bullied at school after he was caught picking his nose, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Knocked Up actor has never got over the embarrassment of being singled out for inspecting his nose debris during a lesson.

He said: "When I got caught picking my nose in class in the second grade is probably the most embarrassing moment of my life. I get teased and picked on a lot after that."

As well as picking his nose, Seth admits his constant perspiring is very unpleasant for his co-stars and friends.

He said: "I sweat a little more than I would like to!"

METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Amy moving to St. Lucia

**HOUSE-HUNTING** Amy Winehouse is moving permanently to St. Lucia, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The troubled singer has spent the majority of the year on the Caribbean island and, after briefly returning to the U.K. last month, has decided to move to the island.

A source said: "Amy is fed up with the stress and trauma that comes with being in London.

"She has made so many friends in St. Lucia and says it feels like home. When she returned to the U.K. in March she felt like an outsider."

Amy has been house-hunting since returning to the island and has finally found her dream home — a beachfront house with a garden, a source told The Sun.

Her record company has reportedly embraced Amy's desire to start over, and financed a recording studio so she can work on new tracks from home.

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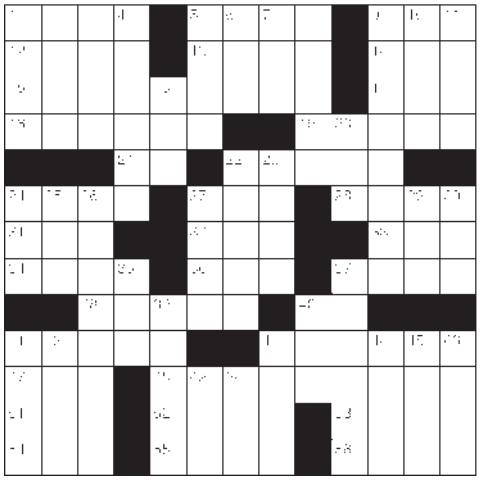

## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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| | | 6 | | | 9 | | 2 | 4 |
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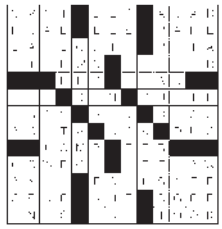
## Crossword across

1 From square one
5 Orsk's river
9 Bumped into
12 — noire
13 Narc's measure
14 Skilled fighter pilot
15 February 2
17 That lass
18 Puts on a show
19 Salts town
21 Ego counterpart
22 Binge
24 Base runner's goal
27 "I — Camera"
28 Rodents do it
31 Playwright Levin
32 Folk-song mule
33 Bambi's aunt
34 Network
36 Doctrine
37 Charon's river
38 Ark contents
40 Apr., e.g.
41 Verify
43 Motion picture industry
47 Disencumber
48 Complete views
51 Commotion
52 Wreck
53 Stopwatch noise
54 Chaps
55 Look lecherously
56 Belligerent deity

## Crossword down

1 Rudiments
2 Spruce
3 Sicilian spouter
4 Shoe with triangular sole
5 Mandolins' kin
6 Edge
7 Carte intro
8 Also-ran
9 "Le Cid" composer
10 Musical comeback
11 Abound
16 Opened
20 Cribbage scorer
22 Huge hit
23 Good place to get a date
24 That guy
25 Tramcar contents
26 Elephant's ancestor
27 — Minor
29 One or more
30 Main ingredient in lipstick
35 Carpool-lane abbr.
37 Beethoven piece
39 Copy
40 "Bei — Bist du Schön"
41 Baby carriage
42 Carnival attraction
43 Traffic pylon
44 Eastern potentate
45 Pepper spray
46 Requests
49 Summertime mo.
50 Zero

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**



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**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Spanish Rice with Chorizo and Sage

**INGREDIENTS:**

1 1/4 cups (300 ml) chicken stock
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 medium red onion
1 clove garlic
1 medium red pepper
1 cup (250 ml) long-grain rice
1 tsp (5 ml) turmeric
1 can (19 oz / 540 ml) chopped tomatoes
Salt and black pepper
6 oz (170 g) chorizo sausage or spicy salami
Small bunch of fresh sage
6 oz (170 g) frozen peas

**METHOD:**

1. Heat chicken stock in small pot. Heat olive oil in wide frying pan.
2. Peel and chop onion and garlic, add them to frying pan, and cook over moderately high heat until onion is soft, stirring frequently, 3 minutes.
3. While onion and garlic are frying, rinse, halve, deseed and roughly chop pepper. Add to pan with rice and turmeric, and stir-fry 3 minutes.
4. Add heated stock, canned tomatoes and their juice, and season to taste. Bring to boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes.
5. Cut chorizo sausage into fairly thick chunks, then stir into rice and continue cooking 5 minutes.
6. Rinse and roughly chop sage and add to rice, with peas. Return to boil, then reduce heat, and simmer until rice is tender and has mostly absorbed liquid, 5 minutes. If mixture dries out before rice is cooked, add more stock, or some dry white wine. Serve hot.

**SERVES 4**

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

## Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES** ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Knowledge of a romance can cause suffering. A friend's respect brings out your good side. A forced move is not productive.

**TAURUS** ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Forgive someone who quickly apologizes. A receptive woman can keep a secret. A long wait ends at bedtime.

**GEMINI** ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A sudden attraction provokes a sharp comment. Preposterous people behave like cowards. Focus on being well and happy.

**CANCER** ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A meeting leads to new beliefs. Make a quick getaway after an interruption. Don't wait too long for a delivery.

**LEO** ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Make a necessary break in your journey. Test a theory and make a request. Don't be afraid to take it easy.

**VIRGO** ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Slip away from a confusing crisis. An old-fashioned woman reprimands a fickle person. Someone's devotion will satisfy you.

**LIBRA** ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Work out a way to ease suffering. Someone's outrage will overwhelm you. Emotional turmoil causes a mishap.

**SCORPIO** ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Accept new challenges for old time's sake. A daydreamer needs more information. A proud person is dangerously painstaking.

**SAGITTARIUS** ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A situation worsens before improving. An incredible person needs to be pampered. A younger guy is only horsing around.

**CAPRICORN** ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You'll be surprised by someone's guilt. Beware displaying any raw emotion in public. A traitor endangers a loving feeling.

**AQUARIUS** ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
A minor complication becomes a decisive factor. You'll overcome a bout of indecision. Someone's stubbornness is meaningless.

**PISCES** ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Make up with an unpredictable dissenter. Break new ground by using strong words. Stop talking about amusing yourself with gifts.

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**STABILITY**
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